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TO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN TARIFF

REF: A) STATE 065550; B) BUCHAREST 5206

1. AS EMBASSY AWARE (REFTELS), THE TERMS OF THE ROMANIAN TARIFF DECREE OF LAST DECEMBER CALL INTO QUESTION ROMANIAN ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP; TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY MAY DENY MFN TREATMENT TO THE U.S., THEY COULD BE AN OBSTACLE TO RENEWAL OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT (TRADE ACT SECTION 405(B)(1)). WE REALIZE ROMANIANS MAY BELIEVE IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO OBSCURE THIS ISSUE. FORMER ECONOMIC COUNSELOR SCISSORS RECENTLY MENTIONED TO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS A COMMENT BY

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NICOLAE DUMITRESCU (MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE) THAT THE DECREE MERELY GIVES ROMANIA FLEXIBILITY AND THAT ROMANIA "OF COURSE" DID NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE GSP. THE ISSUE IS HOW THE ROMANIAN TARIFF ACTUALLY APPLIES TO THE GOODS OF THIRD COUNTRIES. THE U.S. IS ENTITLED TO A CLEAR EXPLANATION OF HOW ROMANIA INTENDS TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE I OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT, SINCE THE DECREE APPEARS

TO CONFLICT WITH THEM.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IF EMBASSY WOULD PREFER THAT WE
DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT IN SOME DETAIL AT THE JOINT COMMISSION
UNDER THE AGENDA HEADING FOR TRADE AGREEMENT RENEWAL, WE
ARE WILLING TO DO SO PROVIDED KNOWLEDGABLE ROMANIAN
OFFICIALS WILL BE ON HAND. WHETHER OR NOT WE RAISE THIS
SUBJECT AT JOINT COMMISSION, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD
RAISE THE POINTS REQUESTED STATE 065550 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
AND REPORT REACTIONS. PLEASE ADVISE. VANCE

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